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SUBARRAYS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final Office action dated 06/28/2007, reconsideration of this application is requested in light of the following remarks.

The rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made "obvious" based on Gothard '456 is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's claim 1 requires an RF antenna array comprising a plurality of small antenna elements spatially distributed over the array aperture. Claim 1 also requires at least some <u>plurality</u> of those small antenna elements to <u>each</u> include: (a) at least one active component and (b) at least one reactively-controlled parasitic component located